

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 201

Short Title: E-Salvage Express. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Sawyer and Johnson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 9, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ON
3 OWNER-RETAINED SALVAGE FORMS AND ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT
4 THAT THE FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 20-109.1 reads as rewritten:
7 "§ 20-109.1. Surrender of titles to salvage vehicles.

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9 (c) Owner Keeps Vehicle. – If a salvage vehicle owner wants to keep the vehicle, the
10 insurer must give the owner an owner-retained salvage form. The owner must complete the
11 owner-retained salvage form and give it to the insurer when the insurer pays the claim. ~~The~~
12 ~~owner's signature on the owner-retained salvage form must be notarized.~~ The owner shall execute
13 the owner-retained salvage form with either a manual signature or an electronic signature. An
14 electronic signature must comply with Article 40 of Chapter 66 of the General Statutes.
15 Notwithstanding G.S. 20-52(c) or any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, the owner's
16 signature is not required to be notarized. The insurer must send the completed form to the
17 Division within 10 days after receiving it from the vehicle owner. The Division must then note
18 in its vehicle registration records that the vehicle listed on the form is a salvage vehicle.

19 ...
20 (h) Claims. – The Division shall not be subject to a claim under Article 31 of Chapter
21 143 of the General Statutes related to the cancellation of a title pursuant to this section if the
22 claim is based on reliance by the Division on any proof of payment or proof of notice submitted
23 to the Division by a third party pursuant to subdivision (b)(2) or subsection (e1) of this section.
24 The Division shall not be subject to a claim arising from an owner-retained salvage form
25 submitted to the Division with an unverified manual signature or an electronic signature pursuant
26 to subsection (c) of this section."

27 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2021.

